

ABSTRACT

A video signal-processing device according to the invention can improve the apparent contrast of the luminance signal at a television receiving set. The video signal-processing device comprises a quantity of black expansion computing section (13) for computationally determining the quantity of black expansion when the luminance component of the input video signal is not higher than a first luminance level, a gain controller (15) for regulating the quantity of black expansion as computationally determined by the quantity of black expansion computing section (13), a quantity of black expansion adding section (16) for generating an output video signal by adding the quantity of black expansion regulated by the gain controller (15) to the luminance component of the input video signal and a vertical span adding block (29) for integrating the luminance component of the output video signal not higher than a second luminance level for a field. The gain controller (15) regulates the quantity of black expansion according to the luminance component integrated by the vertical span adding block (29) to improve the apparent contrast of the luminance signal at the television receiving set by accurately expanding black.